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SUBJECT: GOM RETURNS POLICE CHIEFS' CONFERENCE FUNDING

REF MEXICO 14920, STATE 291211 AND 292572

1. ON DEC. 21 SPECIAL ASST TRANSMITTED TO DEPUTY AG ROSALES MIRANDA CHECK FOR 150,000 PESOS AS PARTIAL REIMBURSEMENT, AS REQUESTED BY FORMER EXECUTIVE OFFICER GERTZ, FOR LATIN AMERICAN POLICE CHIEFS CONFERENCE TRAVEL AND LODGING EXPENSES TOTALLING 159,161.71 PESOS. IN SAME LETTER SPECIAL ASST REQUESTED ASSISTANCE IN COLLECTING DOLS 677.32 FROM MFJP AGENTS WHO DEPARTED DOG TRAINING COURSE WITHOUT PAYING HOTEL BILLS.

2. AMBASSADOR HAS RECEIVED LETTER DATED DEC. 24 FROM NEW AG RETURNING PESO CHECK AND ENCLOSING DOLLAR CHECK PAYABLE TO QUALITY INN AT FRONT ROYAL, VIRGINIA. TEXT OF LETTER FOLLOWS:

DEAR MR. AMBASSADOR:

LIC. MANUEL ROSALES MIRANDA, FIRST DEPUTY ATTORNEY, ADVISED ME OF A LETTER DATED DEC. 21, FROM MR. JOSEPH D. MCLAUGHLIN, SPECIAL ASSISTANT, THROUGH WHICH HE FORWARDED CHECK NO. 47361, IN THE AMOUNT OF 150,000.00 PESOS, PAYABLE TO THE PROCURADURIA GENERAL DE LA REPUBLICA (OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF
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THE REPUBLIC) AND WHICH SUM WAS TO REIMBURSE THE PROCURADURIA FOR THE EXPENSES INCURRED IN AIR TRAVEL AND HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR FOREIGN PARTICIPANTS WHO ATTENDED THE LATIN AMERICAN CHIEFS OF POLICE CONFERENCE, AND WHICH CONTRIBUTION THE EMBASSY WAS SENDING AS THE REQUEST MADE TO THE EMBASSY BY DR. GERTZ TO HELP THE PROCURADURIA BY REIMBURSING THE EXPENSES

ABOVE REFERRED TO.

I APPRECIATE, MR. AMBASSADOR, THE NICE GESTURE OF YOUR GOVERNMENT TO REIMBURSE THE PROCURADURIA, BUT SAID STATEMENTS HAVING BEEN CHARGED TO SPECIFIC ENTRIES IN THE BUDGET OF THIS AGENCY, I CONSIDER THE REIMBURSEMENT UNNECESSARY. BESIDES, I PERSONALLY AM NOT IN AGREEMENT IN THAT A REQUEST BE MADE AND COOPERATION OR ECONOMIC AID BE OBTAINED FROM A FRIENDLY COUNTRY FOR MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, ACTS OR CAMPAIGNS THAT DO NOT HAVE MUTUAL OBJECTIVES OR COMMON CAUSES AND ARE OF USEFULNESS TO BOTH; I ALSO FEEL THAT ANYTIME COOPERATION IS OBTAINED IT SHOULD BE MADE KNOWN WHEN THE ACT OR CAMPAIGN IS EFFECTED, AND FOR THESE REASONS, I AM RETURNING THE MENTIONED CHECK, REITERATING OUR APPRECIATION FOR SUCH NOBLE GESTURE.

IN MR. JOSEPH D. MCLAUGHLIN, SPECIAL ASSISTANT'S SAME LETTER, MENTIONED ABOVE, COOPERATION FROM THE PROCURADURIA WAS REQUESTED TO OBTAIN FROM THREE OFFICERS THE AMOUNT OF 677.32 DOLLARS OWED BY THEM AND WHICH I AM ENCLOSING THE AMOUNT OF 677.32 DOLLARS PAYABLE TO THE QUALITY INN ASKING THAT YOU PLEASE SEND THIS CHECK TO THE HOTEL VIA THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND IN THIS MANNER ALL INTERESTED PARTIES WILL BE AWARE OF THE FACT THAT THIS INVOICE HAS BEEN PAID.

I REITERATE TO YOU, MR. AMBASSADOR, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST ESTEEM AND CONSIDERATION.

3. COMMENT: FROM TEXT OF LETTER IT APPEARS FORMER ADMINISTRATION DID NOT EXPLAIN TO SUCCESSORS THAT CONFERENCE WAS INSPIRED BY USG DURING GERTZ' VISIT TO WASHINGTON IN AUGUST. RATHER THAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MAKE ISSUE AT THIS POINT, WE SUGGEST THAT DEPARTMENT DEOBLIGATE FUNDS. DOLLAR CHECK FOR QUALITY INN BEING FORWARDED TO S/NM.
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